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### **LOCAL CANDIDATE ISSUED CIVIL PENALTY AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

**Olympia** – Secretary of the Public Disclosure Commission, Francis Martin, found **Ron Baker**, candidate for Grant County Commissioner, in violation of state law during a brief enforcement hearing held Thursday in Olympia.

Baker was cited for failure to file a Candidate Registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Candidates are required under state statute to file a Candidate Registration with the Public Disclosure Commission within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

Baker had previously been sent a warning letter asking him to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each candidate of his or her obligation to file was sent on August 17, 2004, and a letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on August 27, 2004.

He also will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the presiding officer.

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